Fort Carson Strategic Medical Planning Conference

Religious Support Assets

Agenda

- Religious Support Mission
- Unit Ministry Team (UMT)
- Family Life Chaplain
- Garrison Chaplain
- Hospital Ministry Team
- Tiger Team
- Questions

Religious Support (RS) Mission

- **Support the religious, spiritual, moral, and ethical needs of the U. S. Army**
- **Facilitate the free-exercise rights of all personnel, regardless of religious affiliation**
- **Hold religious services for members of the command to which assigned**
- **Remain available to all members of the command for pastoral activities and spiritual assistance**
- **Hallmark: Privileged Communications**

Unit Ministry Teams (UMT)

- **Form the “building block” of the RS mission**
- **Deploy with operational units**
- **Provide pastoral care and counseling**
- **Often first responders for post traumatic stress injury, etc.**
- **Conduct marriage and family enhancement events IAW with the commander’s RS plan**
- **Prepare Soldiers and families for deployment and redeployment**
- **Assist Soldiers and families with post-deployment Reunion and Reintegration activites**
- **Provide valuable “ministry of presence”**

Family Life Chaplain

- **Credentialed family counselor**
- **Provides marriage and family therapy**
- **Serves as primary trainer for the installation**
- **Serves on the installation Family Intervention Team (FIT)**
- **Serves on the Sexual Assault Response Team**
- **Serves on the Family Advocacy Case Review Committee**

Garrison Chaplain

- **Administers worship function for the installation**
- **Supervises religious education function for the installation**
- **Provides pastoral care and counseling to Garrison staff and family members**
- **Coordinates women's auxiliaries in support of congregations (PWOC and MCCW)**
- **Provides religious support to SRP site for new personnel and deploying Soldiers**
- **Implements and manages Gold Star Wives support group**

Hospital Ministry Team

- **Completed 1-year Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) residency**
- **Provide pastoral care to patients, family members, and MEDDAC staff**
- **Provide pastoral care and counseling to outpatients on a walk-in basis**
- **Serves on Medical Ethics Committee**
- **Integral part of a multi-disciplinary treatment team**

TIGER TEAM

- **Composed of representatives from ACS, Evans Army Community Hospital, and Ministry Team**
- **Chartered to retain Soldier-family focus always**
- **Design and develop a Soldier/family member-friendly information product integrating helping agencies**
- **Migrate printed product to web-based version**
- **Interface with Walter Reed Institute of Research (WRIR) to develop Battle Mind training for leaders and soldiers' spouses**

QUESTIONS